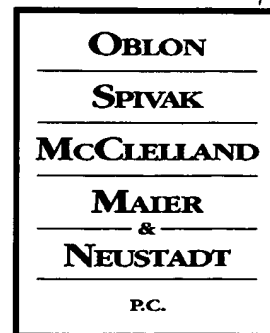




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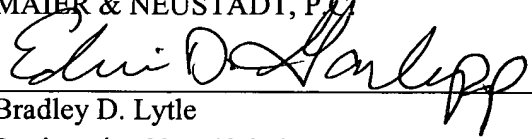
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In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated May 18, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group II, Claims 12-25, directed to an inspection board.

Applicants further elect Species I, Fig 4, and identify Claims 12-20 as reading on the elected species. Applicants traverse the Restriction/Election Requirement for the following reason.

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. . . If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

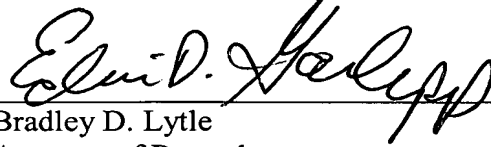
However, the outstanding Restriction/Election Requirement has not established that an undue burden would exist if the Restriction/Election Requirement was not issued and all the claims were examined together. Moreover, the claims of the present invention would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the

outstanding Restriction/Election requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-26 be conducted.

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